(f) Such details are not monitored.

Prices of Flucort Range Formulations

2100. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3289 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) what was the price fixed for Flucort range of formulations under DPCO, 1979 and at what price the company was selling each formulation under DPCO, 1979;

(b) whether it is a fact that the producer of Flucort range of formulations was issued a notice for overcharging the prices;

(c) if so, when and what were the contents of the notice;

(d) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry issued a notice for recovery into Drug Prices Equalisation Account; and

(e) if so, when and what were the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) The required details to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Revision of the Prices of Rifampicin

2101. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently revised the price of Rifampicin to Rs. 2500 per kilogram;

(b) whether it is a fact that based on the imports made from West Germany and other countries the landed cost of import o fRifampicin is $140 to $ 160 per kg.;

(c) whether it is a fact that 3 Formal Rifa SV and 1-amino-4 methyl Piperazine which are required for the production of one Kg. of Rifampicin cost $205;

(d) whether it is a fact that the country is losing valuable foreign exchange and poor TB patients are being looted on account of import of intermediates; and

(e) whether it is a fact that his order of allowing 20 per cent of Rifampicin as direct imports have not been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Recently, some quantities have been ordered on a West German supplier at rates varying between $145 to $156 per KG., CIF.

(c) and (d) The alleged over-invoicing in the import of intermediates for the production of Rifampicin bulk drug has been referred to the Ministry of Finance for investigation.

(e) In the current Import and Export Policy (April-1988-March, 1991) Rifampicin has been put in Appendix-3, Part-A *i.e.* list of limited permissible items.

Recategorisation of Rifampicin

2102. SHRI HARI SINGH:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee have recommended for shifting of Rifampicin from Category-I to Category-II;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such recommendation will adversely affect the TB and Leprotic patients;

(c) whether it is also a fact that with this recommendation, the formulations based on this drug would become price decontrolled for small scale units;

(d) what are the names of major formulators of Rifampicin and what are the names of small scale sector units having some association with them; and

(e) names of major small scale units who are manufacturing Rifampicin formulations and what was their turn over during the last three years, year-wise as per ORG being subscribed by the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The supplementary report submitted by the Kelkar Committee is under examination.

(d) and (e) A number of organised sector units as well as Small Scale Industry units are marketing the formulation based on Rifampicin. Sales turnover of formulations is not monitored.

Faulty Telephones in Tamil Nadu

2108. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received for faulty telephones in Tamil Nadu circle in the years 1987-1988;

(b) how many such faults have not been rectified for more than a week; and

(c) whether Government are having any crash programme to increase the efficiency of the telecommunications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The number of complaints for faulty telephones in Tamil Nadu during 1987-88 is 4,87,51'. This figure includes complaints booked on position '198'.

(b) The number of faults not rectified for more than a week is 23.

(c) Yes Sir, Crash programme under 'Mission Better Communication' has been launched. These replacement of worn out and life expired electro-mechanical equipments, replacing worn out under-ground cables, reducing long congested overhead lines by underground cables, extensive use of dropwire and replacement of old worn out instruments. These measures will greatly increase the efficiency in the service.

12.00 Noon.

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. **Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the Hindustan Antibiotics Limited, Pimpri, Pune and related papers**

II. **Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Limited, Calcutta and related papers**

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:

I. (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Hindustan Antibiotics Limited, Pimpri, Pune, for the year 1987-88 together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Company.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—6799/88 for (a) and (b).]

II. (a) Tenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1987-88, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Company.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—6798/88 for (a) and (b).]

Notifications of the Ministry of Communications

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table under sub-section (5) of